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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.47 TO ACCEPT A DECLARATION WHEN ONE OF THE JOINT INVENTORS CANNOT BE REACHED

Sir:

1. The above-identified application was filed without formal papers on July 6, 2001.
2. Each of the three joint inventors including Mr. Harsh Gupta, were employees for Thomas & Betts, Corporation during the time the invention was conceived. Mr. Gupta subsequently left the employment of Thomas & Betts prior to the filing of the application.
3. Diligent efforts were made in order to contact Mr. Gupta both before the filing of the application and thereafter in order to obtain his signature on the Declaration.
4. The Patent Administrator for Thomas & Betts, Ms. Jill Pierce, on numerous occasions sent Federal Express packages including the application and the Declaration and Power of Attorney papers for signature to Mr. Gupta at his last known address: 72 S. Arcadian Circle, #203, Memphis, TN 38125. These packages were returned by Federal Express which indicated that the recipient was no longer at the address.

5. A Declaration of Jill Pierce is filed herewith and details the efforts undertaken in order to locate Mr. Gupta.

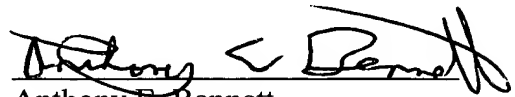
6. After diligent efforts including attempting to contact Mr. Gupta at his last known address, his believed new place of business, and conferring with fellow colleagues of Mr. Gupta at Thomas & Betts and with the Human Resources Department at Thomas & Betts, the whereabouts of Mr. Gupta remain unknown.

7. The other two of the three joint inventors have executed the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney which is being filed herewith in response to a Notice of Missing Parts mailed August 23, 2001.

8. Accordingly, Petitioners respectfully request that the Declaration and Power of Attorney be accepted and the Response to the Notice To File Missing Parts deemed completed.

9. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0776 for \$130.00 to cover the fee associated with this petition. Authority is further given to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0776 for any additional fee associated with this Petition. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

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